

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 584

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Assistant Fire Chief Herbert C. Sims on the occasion of his retirement from the Houston Fire Department after more than 30 years of dedicated service to the city; and

WHEREAS, Herbert C. Sims began working for the Houston Fire Department on July 29, 1974; for 18 years, he worked at Fire Stations 46 and 80 in Suppression, Dispatch, Recruiting, and as an aide to the fire chief; and

WHEREAS, He was promoted to the rank of assistant fire chief of the Communications Command Division in June, 1998, and in November, 2001, he was the first African-American appointed to Assistant Fire Chief in the Staff Services Division; and

WHEREAS, Herbert was the founding president of the Houston chapter of the International Association of Black Professional Firefighters and served as vice chairman of the Affirmative Action Commission for the International Association of Black Firefighters; and

WHEREAS, He actively supported minority recruitment and promotion and developed a rotation system for all-around training in the Communications Command Division, and he was instrumental in developing the fire department's disciplinary administrative review board; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary employee, Herbert performed his duties in the Houston Fire Department with exceptional dedication and commitment to high professional standards, and he received numerous awards and commendations for his services in the fire department and as a member of his community; he is admired and respected by his colleagues, and his presence in the Houston Fire Department will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend Herbert C. Sims for his exemplary service to the City of Houston and extend to him best wishes in the retirement years ahead; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 11, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate